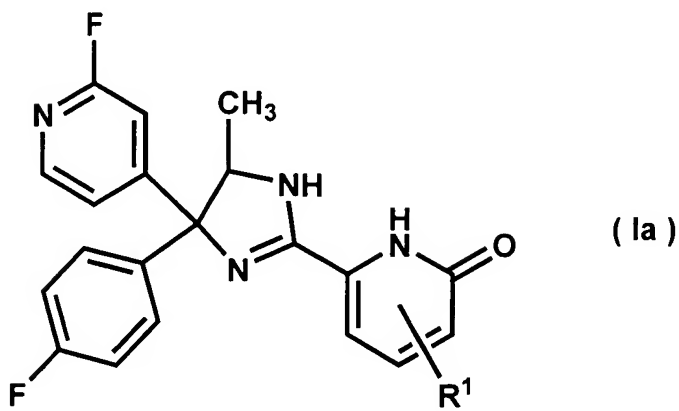


## Amendments to the Claims

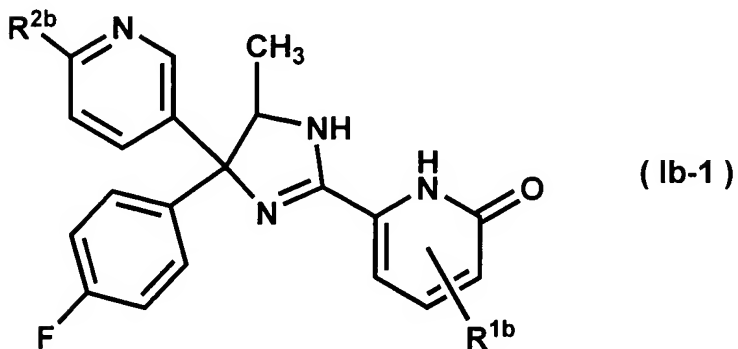
1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A compound of the formula (Ia):



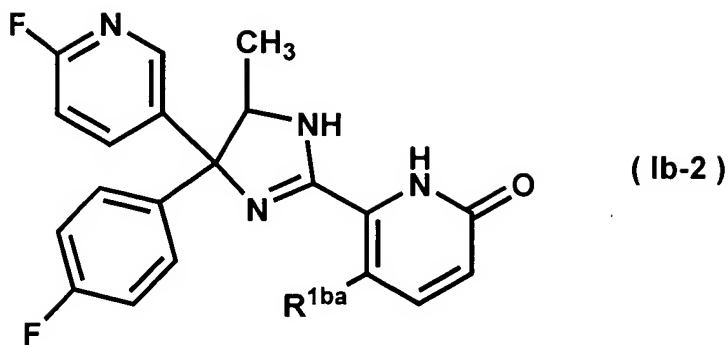
wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, fluorine or hydroxy, or a salt thereof.

22. (New) A compound of the formula (Ib-1):



in which R<sup>1b</sup> is halogen or lower alkyl; and R<sup>2b</sup> is fluorine or trifluoromethyl, or a salt thereof.

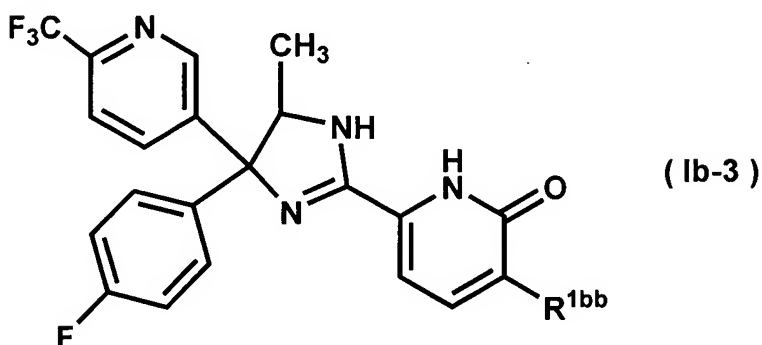
23. (New) A compound of the formula (Ib-2):



wherein R<sup>1ba</sup> is halogen, or a salt thereof.

24. (New) The compound as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the halogen as R<sup>1ba</sup> is fluorine.

25. (New) A compound of the formula (Ib-3):



in which R<sup>1bb</sup> is lower alkyl, or a salt thereof.

26. (New) The compound as claimed in Claim 25, wherein the lower alkyl as R<sup>1bb</sup> is methyl.

27. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 21, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

**28. (New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 22, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

**29. (New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 23, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

**30. (New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 24, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

**31. (New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 25, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

**32. (New)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound as claimed in claim 26, or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.